

ABSTRACT

A holding cabinet assembly for holding pre-processed food products and a process for maintaining the product appearance of a pre-processed food product for a predetermined amount of time by using heated water maintained at a first substantially fixed temperature and circulated air in a cabinet housing maintained at a second substantially fixed temperature. In this holding cabinet assembly, a plurality of compartments are arranged with each compartment including an openable and closeable drawer. A carrier insert is adapted to be removably supported in each of the drawers. Each carrier insert is capable of holding a plurality of the pre-processed food products whereby the food products in the carrier inserts can be conditioned at the fixed relative humidity of the food cabinet housing. Additionally, a control indicator is provided for controlling and sequencing the removal of pre-processed food products from each compartment before the expiration of a predetermined amount of time.